

Thursday, July 9, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to IRS Reform Conference Report.
Senate passed Higher Education.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7705–S7913

Measures Introduced: Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2279–2284. Page S7881

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
S. 512, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2143, to amend chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice to accept voluntary services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Farmer Export Relief: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 190), Senate passed S. 2282, to amend the Arms Export Control Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dodd/Warner Amendment No. 3113, to exempt medicines and medical equipment from sanctions.

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Higher Education: Committee on Labor and Human Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and by 96 yeas to 1 nays (Vote No. 195), the bill was passed after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1882, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S7723–97, S7815–73

Adopted:

Feinstein/Boxer Amendment 3107, to provide the Secretary of Education with discretionary authority to extend, on a case-by-case basis, Federal Pell Grant aid to teaching students enrolled in postbaccalaureate

courses required by State law for teacher certification. Pages S7788–89

Jeffords (for Specter) Amendment No. 3109, to increase public awareness concerning crime on college and university campuses. Pages S7789–91

Graham Amendment No. 3110, to amend the need analysis calculation regarding certain veterans' educational assistance. Pages S7791–94

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote 191), Wellstone Amendment No. 3111, to expand the educational opportunities for welfare recipients.

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Santorum/DeWine/Coverdell Amendment No. 3114, to improve accountability and reform certain programs. Pages S7815–16

Warner Amendment No. 3117, to permit the disclosure of information regarding violation of laws governing the use or possession of alcohol or drugs to a parent of a student at a postsecondary education institution. Page S7857

Jeffords Amendment No. 3120, to provide for the release of conditions, covenants, and reversionary interests regarding the Guam Community College Conveyance, to express the sense of the Congress that Congress should support character building initiatives in America's schools, and to improve performance and provide accountability for the quality of post-secondary teacher preparation programs. Pages S7870–71

Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 193), Bingaman/Cochran/Reid/Hollings Amendment No. 3116, to ensure that secondary school teachers are sufficiently prepared during their pre-service training to have sufficient academic knowledge to be able to help their students reach high academic standards.

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By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 194), Harkin/Reid Amendment No. 3118, to provide for a reduction in student loan fees. Pages S7857–64, S7870

By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 192), Kennedy Amendment No. 3119, to provide for market-based determinations of lender returns. **Pages S7864–69**

Withdrawn:

Sessions Amendment No. 3115, to provide additional tax incentives for education. **Pages S7824–26**

Subsequently, S. 1882 was returned to the Senate Calendar.

IRS Reform—Conference Report: By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 189), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7717–23**

Product Liability—Cloture Vote: By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 188), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Lott Amendment No. 3064, in the nature of a substitute, to S. 648, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation. **Page S7717**

Private Property Rights—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2271, to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges, secured by the United States Constitution, have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies, or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and by unanimous-consent agreement, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, July 13, 1998, at 5:45 p.m. **Page S7873**

U.S. Commitments to Taiwan—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 107, affirming United States commitments to Taiwan, on Friday, July 10, 1998, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S7913**

Measure Placed on Calendar: By unanimous-consent, S. 648, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, was placed back on the Senate Calendar. **Page S7913**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Simon Ferro, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

William B. Milam, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

D. Bambi Kraus, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2004.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, vice Thomas A. Dine, resigned, which was sent to the Senate on June 11, 1998. **Page S7913**

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—195)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 11:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 10, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7913.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. EXPORT CONTROL

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense in implementing United States policy on export controls and nonproliferation, after receiving testimony from Stephen D. Bryen, former Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Trade and Security Policy; Gary Milhollin, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, on behalf of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control; and Mitchel B. Wallerstein, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counterproliferation Policy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, Deborah K. Kilmer, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Neal F. Lane, of Oklahoma, to be Director, and Rosina M. Bierbaum, of Virginia,